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Interviews: 1,009 adults, including 103  
reached by cell phone  
Date: December 5-8, 2008

48 Male  
52 Female  
[109]

**FINAL**

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***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

***The margin of error for 1,009 interviews is ± 3.1%***

**(ASK ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2--CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.)**

1a. Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?

Have a landline.....	-	TERMINATE	[139]
Cell phone is only telephone.....	100	CONTINUE	
Not sure .....	-	TERMINATE	

1b. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	90	[140]
Not registered.....	10	
Not sure.....	-	

2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	7	[141-142]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	7	
40-44.....	9	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	10	
55-59.....	11	
60-64.....	10	
65-69.....	7	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	5	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	10	[143]
No, not Hispanic.....	90	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	76	[144]
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	5	
Hispanic (VOL).....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

3. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	12/08	10/17-	10/4-	9/19-	8/08+	7/08+	High	Low	10/17- 20/08+	[145]
		20/08+	5/08+	22/08+			9/01	10/17- 20/08+		
Headed in the right direction.....	26	12	12	16	18	13	72	12		
Off on the wrong track.....	60	78	77	73	67	74	11	78		
Mixed (VOL).....	10	7	9	9	12	10	11	7		
Not sure.....	4	3	2	2	3	3	6	3		
		6/08+	4/08+	3/7-						
		16	15	20	20	22	21	25	19	
		71	73	66	68	63	67	63	67	
		11	10	11	9	13	9	9	11	
		2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	
		6/07	4/07	3/07	1/07	12/07+	11/07	9/07	7/07	
		19	22	25	28	28	29	26	29	
		68	66	58	57	58	56	61	58	
		11	12	14	13	11	13	11	11	
		2	-	3	2	3	2	2	2	
		9/8-					10/28-	10/13-	9/30-	
		11/06+	7/06	6/06	4/06	3/06	1/06	12/05	11/05	10/05
		31	27	27	24	26	31	30	26	28
		54	60	61	67	62	57	59	63	59
		12	11	10	7	9	10	8	8	10
		3	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	3
		9/05	7/05	5/05	4/05	9/04+	8/04+	7/04+	6/04+	5/04+
		32	34	35	34	39	36	36	36	33
		57	52	52	51	49	50	48	48	50
		8	12	10	12	10	12	14	14	14
		3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3
		3/04	1/04	12/14/03	12/13/03	11/03	9/03	7/03	5/03+	1/03
		41	47	56	41	43	38	42	49	36
		49	43	30	48	47	50	44	38	47
		5	6	9	8	6	8	9	8	14
		5	4	5	3	3	4	4	5	3
		12/02	10/02+	9/02	7/02	6/02	4/02	1/02	12/01	9/01
		43	44	42	40	52	53	62	70	72
		42	42	43	42	31	28	20	15	11
		13	14	12	14	14	15	14	12	11
		2	-	3	4	3	4	4	3	6

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4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>12/08</u>	10/17- <u>20/08+</u>	10/4- <u>5/08+</u>	9/19- <u>22/08+</u>	9/6- <u>8/08+</u>	8/08+ <u>8/08+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>4/08+</u>	[146]
Approve.....	27	27	29	30	34	31	88	27	
Disapprove.....	67	66	66	65	61	64	7	66	
Not sure.....	6	7	5	5	5	5	5	7	
				3/7- <u>10/08+</u>					
	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	
	30	28	27	32	32	34	31	33	
	64	66	66	63	63	60	63	61	
	6	6	7	5	5	6	6	6	
							10/28- <u>30/06+</u>	10/13- <u>16/06+</u>	
	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>30/06+</u>	<u>16/06+</u>	
	31	29	35	35	35	34	39	38	
	63	66	60	60	60	61	57	57	
	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	
	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
	39	42	39	37	36	37	39	39	
	56	53	56	58	57	58	54	55	
	5	5	5	5	7	5	7	6	
	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
	39	40	46	47	48	50	50	49	
	54	55	49	47	46	45	44	44	
	7	5	5	6	6	5	6	7	
	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	
	49	47	47	48	45	47	50	58	
	47	48	48	46	49	46	46	34	
	4	5	5	6	6	7	5	9	
	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	
	52	51	49	56	62	71	66	67	
	41	44	45	38	31	23	29	28	
	7	5	6	6	7	6	5	5	
	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>		
	62	61	54	63	64	67	69		
	33	31	40	31	30	27	23		
	5	8	6	6	6	6	8		

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4b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>12/08*</u>	<u>10/17-</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	
		<u>20/08+</u>						<u>12/01</u>	<u>10/17-</u>	
								<u>20/08+</u>	<u>20/08+</u>	[147]
Approve.....	20	20	25	23	21	21	28	63	20	
Disapprove.....	72	75	68	72	73	73	66	25	75	
Not sure.....	8	5	7	5	6	6	6	12	5	
		<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	
		30	35	35	38	38	36	40	44	
		64	58	60	57	56	57	51	49	
		6	7	5	5	6	7	9	7	
		<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-</u>	<u>9/30-</u>	<u>9/8-</u>			
		40	40	46	44	41	43	41	38	
		53	54	48	52	53	52	53	56	
		7	6	6	4	6	5	6	6	
		<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
		35	36	39	39	38	40	39	43	
		60	58	54	55	57	55	54	51	
		5	6	7	6	5	5	7	6	
		<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
		41	46	47	44	45	45	43	45	
		53	50	47	51	52	51	52	49	
		6	4	6	5	3	4	5	6	
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>
		41	45	49	48	50	43	45	47	49
		53	51	45	46	44	52	48	45	42
		6	4	6	6	5	6	7	8	9
		<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>
		44	47	48	48	49	57	61	63	63
		49	45	44	43	43	34	30	27	25
		7	8	8	9	8	9	9	10	12

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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4c. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling foreign policy?

	<u>12/08*</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<b>[148]</b>
							<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/08</u>	
Approve.....	30	34	27	32	27	27	82	27	
Disapprove.....	63	62	65	63	66	68	12	65	
Not sure.....	7	4	8	5	7	5	6	8	
	<u>12/06</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	
	30	37	34	35	32	38	35	36	
	64	57	60	61	61	57	59	56	
	6	6	6	4	7	5	6	8	
	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
	45	42	42	44	46	45	48	44	
	51	52	50	50	49	51	46	51	
	4	6	8	6	5	4	6	5	
	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
	44	44	43	45	47	54	56	48	
	52	52	51	51	48	41	37	47	
	4	4	6	4	5	5	7	5	
	<u>12/02</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
	57	48	47	55	63	70	51	58	
	36	48	46	39	31	24	42	35	
	7	4	7	6	6	6	7	7	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>		
	55	62	64	68	81	82	53		
	34	28	28	26	13	12	20		
	11	10	8	6	6	6	27		

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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4d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>12/08**</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	
Approve.....	33	32	33	31	33	29	34	[149]
Disapprove.....	63	62	64	63	62	66	62	
Not sure.....	4	6	3	6	5	5	4	
		<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	
		27	30	22	26	27	27	
		68	66	72	68	66	67	
		5	4	6	6	7	6	
		<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28-30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	
		28	23	34	33	38	34	
		67	71	63	63	57	61	
		5	6	3	4	5	5	
	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	
	35	33	35	39	36	32	37	
	61	62	61	56	60	64	58	
	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	

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5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the transition and his preparations for becoming president?

Approve.....	73	[150]
Disapprove.....	13	
Not sure.....	14	

6. Compared with other years, do you think that 2008 was one of the best years for the United States, above average, about average, below average, or one of the worst years for the United States?

	<u>12/08**</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	
One of the best years.....	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	3	[151]
Above-average year.....	3	9	12	7	19	12	9	11	
About average year.....	12	28	32	32	51	43	28	30	
Below-average year.....	36	34	27	39	21	32	39	39	
One of the worst years.....	47	27	25	19	6	10	21	16	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	

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7. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>12/08**</u>	10/17- <u>20/08+</u>	10/4- <u>5/08+</u>	9/19- <u>22/08+</u>	7/08+ <u>6/08+</u>	6/08+ <u>1/08</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	[152]
Approve.....	21	12	13	15	15	13	18	61	12
Disapprove.....	69	79	78	73	75	79	70	28	79
Not sure.....	10	9	9	12	10	8	12	11	9
	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>
	18	19	23	23	31	31	16	20	25
	70	68	65	64	52	53	75	65	60
	12	13	12	13	17	16	9	15	15
	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>
	23	22	33	29	25	28	29	28	33
	64	65	53	56	60	57	53	55	51
	13	13	14	15	15	15	18	17	16
	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
	39	41	40	39	46	39	43	39	
	46	40	42	43	41	47	45	45	
	15	19	18	18	13	14	11	16	
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
	43	42	44	44	40	34	43	54	
	43	39	39	40	44	48	41	29	
	14	19	17	16	16	18	16	17	
	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	
	57	47	43	45	48	55	49	46	
	29	34	33	32	35	30	35	41	
	14	19	24	23	17	15	16	13	
	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	
	46	43	42	43	48	45	42	40	
	42	46	44	40	36	42	45	49	
	12	11	14	17	16	13	13	11	
	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
	43	40	49	50	44	48	24	23	
	41	42	38	40	42	39	67	67	
	16	18	13	10	14	13	9	10	

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8. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>George W. Bush</b>							[153]
December 2008.....	11	20	10	16	43	-	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	11	18	11	15	45	-	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	12	18	12	13	45	-	
September 19-22, 2008+....	13	17	11	13	46	-	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	15	18	12	14	41	-	
August 2008+.....	15	19	11	15	40	-	
July 2008+.....	14	18	10	16	42	-	
June 2008+.....	11	19	10	16	44	-	
April 2008+.....	12	19	13	14	42	-	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	16	17	12	13	41	1	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	16	18	10	12	43	1	
January 2008.....	14	18	10	17	40	1	
December 2007.....	16	20	11	13	40	-	
September 2007.....	18	18	11	13	40	-	
July 2007.....	13	20	11	15	41	-	
April 2007.....	17	19	13	14	37	-	
December 2006.....	19	19	10	15	37	-	
July 2006.....	21	18	10	15	36	-	
January 2006.....	24	17	12	13	33	1	
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2002.....	40	26	11	11	12	-	
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
October 17-20, 2008+.....	11	18	11	15	45	-	

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Q.8 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Barack Obama</b>							<b>[154/162]</b>
December 2008.....	45	22	15	8	8	2	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	37	19	10	10	23	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	30	22	12	12	23	1	
September 19-22, 2008+....	29	19	15	14	22	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	33	20	13	12	20	2	
August 2008+.....	28	22	13	17	19	1	
July 2008+.....	27	21	16	11	23	2	
June 2008+.....	25	23	17	11	22	2	
April 2008+.....	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	24	25	18	16	16	1	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	25	26	18	13	15	3	
January 2008.....	19	30	22	11	14	4	
December 2007.....	17	29	22	14	12	6	
November 2007.....	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007 .....	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007.....	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007.....	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007.....	18	19	26	11	6	20	
December 2006.....	17	18	18	7	6	34	
Oct. 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40	
<i>High</i>							
October 17-20, 2008+.....	37	19	10	10	23	1	
<i>Low</i>							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40	
<b>Joe Biden</b>							<b>[155/163]</b>
December 2008.....	20	25	25	12	11	7	
October 17-20, 2008+ *.....	28	23	19	12	14	4	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	21	22	24	12	15	6	
September 19-22, 2008+....	17	20	25	13	16	9	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	18	22	23	13	12	12	
September 2007.....	4	13	26	11	11	35	
December 2006.....	3	14	23	10	6	44	
June 2004+.....	5	11	25	6	4	49	

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Q.8 (cont'd)	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
<b>The Democratic Party</b>							<b>[156/164]</b>
December 2008.....	17	32	22	15	13	1	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	16	23	22	17	21	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	15	26	20	18	19	2	
September 19-22, 2008+....	19	23	20	16	20	2	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	24	25	17	19	14	1	
August 2008+.....	17	26	21	16	19	1	
July 2008+.....	15	28	18	18	19	2	
June 2008+.....	16	27	24	13	19	1	
April 2008+.....	17	27	22	15	17	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	20	25	18	16	19	2	
January 2008.....	22	25	19	18	15	1	
November 2007.....	12	27	24	18	17	2	
September 2007.....	8	26	27	22	16	1	
July 2007.....	15	27	21	20	15	2	
June 2007.....	12	30	22	19	16	1	
January 2007.....	13	29	26	16	14	2	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	14	25	25	18	17	1	
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	
January 2006.....	11	25	28	20	15	1	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
July 2002.....	10	29	25	21	13	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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Q.8 (cont'd)	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>The Republican Party</b>							<b>[157/165]</b>
December 2008.....	7	20	20	26	26	1	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	11	21	18	23	25	2	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	12	23	17	21	26	1	
September 19-22, 2008+....	13	21	18	19	28	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	18	22	15	18	25	2	
August 2008+.....	10	25	22	19	23	1	
July 2008+.....	8	23	20	22	26	1	
June 2008+.....	7	21	24	22	25	1	
April 2008+.....	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008.....	13	21	26	19	18	3	
November 2007.....	8	24	24	20	22	2	
September 2007.....	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007.....	8	25	19	23	23	2	
June 2007.....	7	21	21	23	26	2	
January 2007.....	10	23	21	23	21	2	
Oct 28-30, 2006+.....	15	20	16	20	28	1	
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
July 2002.....	18	25	22	17	14	4	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2008+.....	7	21	24	22	25	1	
<b>Michelle Obama</b>							<b>[158]</b>
December 2008 *.....	31	23	24	7	8	7	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	21	19	23	11	20	6	
August 2008+.....	19	19	28	11	18	5	
July 2008+.....	17	17	27	13	18	8	
March 2008+.....	14	18	32	9	11	16	
<b>Robert Gates</b>							<b>[159]</b>
December 2008 *.....	8	23	29	6	2	32	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.8 (cont'd)	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Bill Clinton</b>							<b>[160]</b>
December 2008 *.....	23	26	21	12	17	1	
August 2008+.....	20	25	16	19	20	-	
June 2008+.....	16	24	17	17	25	1	
April 2008+.....	18	21	18	18	24	1	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	20	22	15	18	25	-	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	20	22	11	13	32	2	
January 2008.....	24	23	14	11	27	1	
November 2007.....	25	23	13	14	25	-	
March 2007.....	27	21	16	14	21	1	
April 2006.....	27	23	16	12	21	1	
October 2004+.....	26	22	13	11	27	1	
June 2004+.....	20	22	16	14	27	1	
January 2002.....	17	19	13	13	36	2	
June 2001.....	18	21	15	15	31	-	
April 2001.....	20	20	15	11	34	-	
January 2001.....	32	24	11	12	21	-	
December 2000.....	33	23	11	12	21	-	
September 2000+.....	25	25	10	13	27	-	
August 2000+.....	24	22	11	13	30	-	
July 2000+.....	22	27	11	12	28	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001.....	17	17	13	14	38	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.8 (cont'd)	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	[161]
<b>Dick Cheney</b>							
December 2008 *	7	14	18	18	40	3	
August 2008+.....	7	18	17	15	40	3	
June 2008+.....	6	17	18	14	44	1	
January 2008.....	7	17	17	15	39	5	
July 2007.....	9	15	19	15	39	3	
January 2007.....	9	20	21	15	31	4	
September 2006+.....	13	21	15	15	35	1	
March 2006.....	12	18	17	17	33	3	
December 2005.....	13	20	15	17	32	3	
November 2005.....	10	17	19	16	33	5	
January 2005.....	19	23	15	18	23	2	
December 2004.....	18	24	13	13	28	4	
October 2004+.....	24	20	12	11	31	2	
September 2004+.....	21	20	13	12	31	3	
August 2004+.....	18	20	16	12	30	4	
July 2004+.....	16	20	19	14	28	3	
June 2004+.....	17	22	17	13	27	4	
May 2004+.....	18	21	16	13	29	3	
March 2004.....	17	22	18	14	22	6	
December 13, 2003.....	18	24	14	13	23	8	
September 2002.....	23	27	21	12	12	5	
December 2001.....	36	27	23	3	6	5	
October 2000+.....	25	24	26	8	9	8	
<i>High</i>							
February 1991+.....	33	33	13	2	2	17	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2008+.....	6	17	18	14	44	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.8 (cont'd)	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	[166]
<b>John McCain</b>							
December 2008 **.....	11	30	25	21	12	1	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	19	25	16	18	21	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	18	25	16	18	21	2	
September 19-22, 2008+...	22	24	15	17	21	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	25	25	16	15	18	1	
August 2008+.....	14	31	21	16	17	1	
July 2008+.....	13	29	26	16	14	2	
June 2008+.....	11	28	25	19	15	2	
April 2008+.....	11	29	27	17	13	3	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	14	31	26	15	10	4	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	15	32	23	15	12	3	
January 2008.....	14	31	26	15	7	7	
December 2007.....	10	29	26	21	7	7	
November 2007.....	8	27	31	19	7	8	
September 2007.....	9	27	26	18	11	9	
July 2007.....	7	28	25	20	9	11	
April 2007.....	11	31	27	15	7	9	
March 2007.....	12	31	25	15	9	8	
December 2006.....	13	33	22	16	4	12	
June 2006.....	11	29	29	11	5	15	
April 2006.....	12	27	28	13	6	14	
August 2004+.....	18	33	26	8	4	11	
July 2004+.....	19	30	30	9	2	10	
May 2004+.....	20	30	26	8	5	11	
July 2002.....	12	29	27	10	5	17	
April 2002.....	18	29	25	9	3	16	
June 2001.....	15	29	26	11	6	13	
April 2001.....	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001.....	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+.....	18	32	25	9	6	10	
April 2000+.....	16	30	27	12	5	10	
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
<i>High</i>							
August 2004+.....	18	33	26	8	4	11	
<i>Low</i>							
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.8 (cont'd)	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>							[167]
December 2008 **.....	27	26	20	14	12	1	
September 2008+.....	23	24	15	17	20	1	
August 2008+.....	17	25	16	18	23	1	
June 2008+.....	18	28	14	17	22	1	
April 2008+.....	20	22	14	19	25	-	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	17	20	15	21	27	-	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	22	23	11	14	29	1	
January 2008.....	24	23	11	11	30	1	
December 2007.....	22	20	13	12	32	1	
November 2007.....	19	24	12	14	30	1	
September 2007.....	20	24	13	13	29	1	
July 2007.....	20	24	16	12	27	1	
June 2007.....	18	24	15	16	26	1	
March 2007.....	16	23	17	15	28	1	
December 2006.....	21	22	17	12	26	2	
April 2006.....	19	19	19	13	28	2	
December 2004.....	24	21	14	11	29	1	
December 13, 2003.....	21	25	12	12	30	1	
July 2003.....	16	21	20	13	27	3	
January 2001.....	27	22	13	12	24	2	
September 2000+.....	19	23	16	13	28	1	
January 2000.....	21	23	18	13	24	1	
October 1999.....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001.....	16	19	15	18	31	1	
<b>Henry Paulson</b>							[168]
December 2008 **.....	1	9	25	16	9	40	
<b>Sarah Palin</b>							[169]
December 2008 **.....	15	20	16	15	30	4	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	23	15	13	13	34	2	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	26	18	15	15	22	4	
September 19-22, 2008+....	26	16	17	12	24	5	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	30	17	17	10	17	9	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.8 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Condoleezza Rice</b>							<b>[170]</b>
December 2008 **.....	21	26	27	12	6	8	
January 2007.....	21	27	18	16	12	6	
September 2006+.....	30	25	14	14	14	3	
December 2005.....	27	24	17	13	12	7	
February 2005.....	28	22	16	13	14	7	
January 2005.....	20	22	23	11	9	15	
December 2004.....	26	19	21	10	12	12	
May 2004+.....	26	22	17	12	12	11	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

9. Since the election, has your opinion of Barack Obama become more favorable, less favorable, or has it stayed pretty much the same?

	<u>12/08</u>	<i>Bill Clinton 12/92</i>		
More favorable.....	38	28		
Less favorable.....	6	5		
Stayed pretty much the same.....	56	66		
Not sure.....	-	1		

**[171]**

10. Please tell me whether Barack Obama has a background and set of values that you can identify with, or whether he does NOT have a background and set of values that you can identify with.

	<u>12/08</u>	10/17- 20/08+	9/19- 22/08+	9/6- 8/08+	8/08+	
Has background/set of values I identify with.....	57	55	50	53	50	
Does NOT have background/set of values I identify with.....	34	40	44	40	42	
Not sure.....	9	5	6	7	8	
		<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>25/08+</u>	<u>3/24-</u>
		47	50	45	50	
		43	42	46	39	
		10	8	9	11	

**[172]**

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11. What word or short phrase would you use to describe how you feel about the election of Barack Obama as president? [173-179] \*

Happy, pleased, satisfied, positive, feel good	18%
Need the change, step in the right direction, will turn things around	10
Hope, hopeful	8
Excited, thrilled, fantastic, exciting, elated, refreshing	6
Great wonderful, awesome, excellent, amazing, outstanding	6
Historic	5
Will be a good president, will work hard/take us in right direction	3
Disappointed	4
Don't know; no response	4%

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

12. When it comes to the presidency of Barack Obama, will you strongly relate to him as your president, somewhat relate to him as your president, relate to him only a little as your president, or not really relate to him as your president?

Strongly relate to him.....	47	[180]
Somewhat relate to him.....	27	
Relate to him only a little.....	12	
Will not really relate to him.....	9	
Not sure.....	5	

13. How confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	12/08	Bill Clinton		[208]
		12/9	11/92	
Extremely confident.....	33	13	11	
Quite confident.....	22	25	21	
Only somewhat confident.....	28	41	34	
Not at all confident.....	15	19	31	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	

14. How likely do you think it is that Barack Obama will bring real change in direction to the country--very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely?

	12/08	10/17- 20/08+	9/19- 22/08+	9/6- 8/08+	6/08+	[209]
Very likely to bring real change in direction.....	37	32	30	30	29	
Fairly likely to bring real change in direction.....	21	19	18	22	19	
Just somewhat likely to bring real change in direction....	23	23	22	21	28	
Not that likely to bring real change in direction.....	17	23	28	24	23	
Not sure.....	2	3	2	3	1	

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15. Do you think that when Barack Obama takes office he will be facing bigger challenges than most recent presidents have, about the same size challenges, or smaller challenges than most recent presidents have? \*

Bigger challenges.....	77	77	[210]
About the same size challenges.....	19	19	
Smaller challenges.....	4	4	
Not sure.....	-	-	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

16. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<i>Bill Clinton</i>		[211]	
	<u>12/08</u>	<u>12/9</u>	<u>11/92</u>	
Extremely confident .....	30	13	18	
Quite confident.....	24	29	21	
Only somewhat confident.....	29	44	34	
Not at all confident.....	16	13	25	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	

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17. Do you think that Barack Obama has gotten too involved in making policy on issues facing the country before he has become president, has had the right level of involvement, or has not been involved enough? \*\*

Has become too involved.....	12	12	[212]
Has had right level of involvement....	75	75	
Has not been involved enough.....	11	11	
Not sure.....	2	2	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 18a. Are you generally pleased or disappointed with the people Barack Obama has appointed to posts in his administration?

	<u>12/08*</u>	<i>George</i>	<i>Bill</i>	[213]
		<i>W. Bush</i>	<i>Clinton</i>	
Generally pleased.....	67	54	54	
Generally disappointed.....	16	17	14	
Mixed (VOL).....	7	18	12	
Not sure.....	10	11	20	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 18b. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view when it comes to the people that Barack Obama has appointed to serve in his administration?

**Statement A:** Obama's appointments are too much of a repeat of people who already have established views and who have worked in previous presidential administrations.

**Statement B:** Obama's appointments provide a good balance of new people who represent change and established people who have experience in Washington. \*\*

<b>Statement A/repeat of people from past administrations.....</b>	25	<b>[214]</b>
<b>Statement B/good balance of new people and people with experience....</b>	69	
Not sure.....	6	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

19. Since Barack Obama's election as president, please tell me for each of the following whether you are satisfied and feel that Barack Obama has done enough in this area, or are not satisfied and feel that he should do more in this area?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SATISFIED/FEEL HE HAS DONE ENOUGH*

	Satisfied/ Feel He Has Done Enough	Dissatisfied/ Feel He Should Do More	Not Sure	
Appointing minorities and women to important positions.....	79	10	11	<b>[216/221]</b>
Working well with the Bush administration **.....	79	13	8	<b>[222]</b>
Being open and accessible **.....	77	15	8	<b>[223]</b>
Setting the right tone for the country *.....	76	17	7	<b>[218]</b>
Assembling a good team of economic advisors *.....	69	17	14	<b>[219]</b>
Assembling a good team of foreign and national security advisors **.....	69	21	10	<b>[224]</b>
Being bipartisan in his approach on issues *.....	68	22	10	<b>[217]</b>
Having a plan to improve the economy.....	59	30	11	<b>[215/220]</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20. I would like to read you several goals that Barack Obama has said he plans to accomplish. For each one, please tell me how likely you think it is that he will achieve it during his term as president. Is it very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY LIKELY*

	Likely		Unlikely			Not Sure
	Very	Some- what	Some- what	Very		
Improve America's image around the world *.....	48	32	7	10	3	<b>[229]</b>
Get the economy back on track.....	26	47	13	11	3	<b>[225/233]</b>
Repair the country's roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure *.....	24	49	13	10	4	<b>[231]</b>
Pull most American troops out of Iraq within the next sixteen months **.....	27	43	16	12	2	<b>[235]</b>
Close the prison holding terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba *.....	35	33	12	10	10	<b>[230]</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.20 (cont'd)

	Likely		Unlikely		Not Sure	
	Very	Some- what	Some- what	Very		
Rework trade deals with other countries to make them better fit America's interests ** .....	26	42	18	10	4	[237]
Create and save two-and-a-half million jobs.....	19	44	18	16	3	[226/234]
Increase the number of troops in Afghanistan ** .....	30	32	18	16	4	[240]
Create more cooperation and less bickering between the political parties **.....	25	37	14	22	2	[236]
Reduce taxes for the middle class **.....	29	32	16	21	2	[239]
Extend health care coverage to all Americans **.....	19	42	19	17	3	[238]
Reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil *....	18	41	18	21	2	[228]
Eliminate waste and fraud in the federal budget * .....	17	38	18	26	1	[232]
Reduce the influence of lobbyists and special interests in Washington * .....	18	29	18	29	6	[227]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

21. Let me read you five aspects of Barack Obama's short-term economic stimulus plan. In your opinion, which one of the following is the most important? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just ONE, which would you say is MOST important?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Tax cuts for middle- and lower-class Americans.....	30	[241]
Tax credits for businesses that create new jobs in the United States.....	27	
More investment in alternative energy sources, such as wind and solar power....	21	
Increased payments to states to help fund their Medicaid programs.....	11	
Increased spending on the nation's transportation infrastructure.....	7	
Not sure.....	4	

22. During the course of the presidential election, Barack Obama made campaign promises on a number of issues, but given the nation's many problems it may be difficult for him to accomplish all of them. Please tell me which one or two of the following promises, if any, do you think are most critical to you that Barack Obama follow through on.

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Cut taxes for working families earning less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.....	36	[242-243]
Develop a health care program to cut costs and allow Americans to buy insurance through a federal health plan.....	30	>
Invest one hundred and fifty billion dollars in alternative energy over ten years to create five million jobs.....	27	
Redeploy all combat troops from Iraq in sixteen months.....	15	
Put an end to the Bush tax cuts for those with higher incomes.....	15	
Create a four-thousand-dollar college tax credit for students willing to perform community service.....	12	
Increase the number of troops in Afghanistan.....	9	
Place a cap on carbon emissions to reduce global warming pollution.....	6	
None of these.....	2	
All of these (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	1	

23. Do you think that Michelle Obama is a positive role model for American women, or not?

Is a positive role model.....	69	<b>[244]</b>
Is not a positive role model.....	16	
Not sure.....	15	

	<b>Hillary Clinton</b>						
	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>12/92</u>
Is a positive role model.....	59	55	44	51	57	62	66
Is not a positive role model.....	35	40	50	39	37	32	21
Not sure.....	6	5	6	10	6	6	13

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

24. Looking ahead, do you feel that in 2009 the country will find the Democrats and Republicans in Congress in a period of unity by working together and reaching consensus, or will it be a period of division where the parties hold fast to their positions and show little willingness to compromise? \*\*

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<b>[245]</b>
Period of unity/working together.....	52	27	
Period of division/little willingness to compromise....	42	65	
Depends (VOL).....	3	4	
Not sure.....	3	4	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

#### Changing topics . . .

25. Did you vote for George W. Bush in 2000, in 2004, in both years, or have you never voted for him?

Voted for him in 2000.....	5	<b>[246]</b>
Voted for him in 2004.....	5	
Voted for him in both years.....	33	
Have never voted for him.....	52	
Did not vote at all/too young to vote (VOL)....	3	
Not sure.....	2	

26. When it comes to George W. Bush's leaving office, would you say that you are going to miss him, or not?

	<u>12/08</u>	<i>Bill Clinton</i> <u>12/00</u>	<b>[247]</b>
Going to miss him.....	18	40	
Not going to miss him.....	79	55	
Depends (VOL).....	1	3	
Not sure.....	2	2	

27. Compared with the past several presidents, do you feel that George W. Bush will turn out to have been one of the very best, better than most, not as good as most, or definitely worse than most of them? \*\*

	<u>12/08</u>	<i>Bill Clinton</i> <u>1/01</u>	<i>George H.W. Bush</i> <u>1989</u> <sup>1</sup>	
One of the very best.....	2	16	7	[248]
Better than most .....	18	40	48	
Not as good as most.....	30	24	31	
Definitely worse than most.....	48	18	6	
Not sure.....	2	2	8	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

<sup>1</sup> Results from a 1989 survey conducted by Lou Harris.

- 28a. Which ONE of the following things do you think will be remembered as being George W. Bush's greatest achievement as president? \*

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Keeping America safe from terrorist attacks since September eleventh, 2001.....	35	[249]
Removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq.....	25	
Increasing funding for the international fight against AIDS.....	8	
Cutting taxes.....	4	
Promoting moral values.....	4	
Implementing a series of reforms to public education.....	4	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	17	
Not sure.....	2	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 28b. Which ONE of the following things do you think will be remembered as being George W. Bush's biggest failure as president? \*\*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Undertaking the war in Iraq.....	35	[250]
Not preventing the current economic recession.....	21	
Producing the largest federal deficit in history.....	21	
Having an inadequate response to Hurricane Katrina.....	9	
Promoting policies that do more to help the wealthy than the middle class.....	8	
Having policies that hurt the environment.....	1	
Other (VOL).....	2	
None (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, turning to the economy . . .

29. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
Economy has gotten better.....	2	1	20	21	23	23	22	21	[251]
Economy has gotten worse.....	90	90	39	41	44	36	37	44	
Stayed about the same.....	8	8	40	37	32	39	39	33	
Not sure.....	-	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
		<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	
		17	20	31	30	29	29	37	
		45	42	28	34	36	33	31	
		37	37	40	35	34	37	30	
		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
		<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
		39	35	35	43	45	38	27	
		28	33	34	23	27	29	41	
		31	31	29	34	27	31	30	
		2	1	1	1	1	1	2	
		<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	
		23	18	6	7	17	6	2	
		42	44	65	57	44	73	78	
		34	36	28	35	38	20	19	
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>
		3	6	8	9	11	8	3	3
		74	67	57	64	54	64	73	72
		22	26	33	26	35	27	23	24
		1	1	2	1	-	1	1	1
		<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>
		6	11	11	12	12	12	15	18
		57	37	36	30	30	29	34	23
		35	51	52	56	56	57	49	57
		2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

<sup>1</sup> Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

30. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	
Economy will get better.....	36	38	25	21	19	16	21	22	[252]
Economy will get worse.....	28	20	43	49	45	31	16	22	
Economy will stay about the same.....	34	37	28	27	29	49	60	51	
Not sure.....	2	5	4	3	7	4	3	5	
	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>		
	16	17	24	24	26	28	43		
	39	44	27	30	34	30	17		
	43	36	46	42	37	36	36		
	2	3	3	4	3	6	4		
	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>11/03</u>		
	43	24	43	42	44	50	49		
	10	27	13	16	18	10	15		
	33	46	33	34	35	37	33		
	14	3	11	8	3	3	3		
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>		
	44	45	49	35	40	41	39		
	19	16	17	25	20	20	18		
	33	34	31	37	35	34	39		
	4	4	3	3	5	5	4		
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
	41	50	50	36	28	17	19	19	
	20	13	15	25	29	24	22	22	
	37	32	32	34	37	54	53	57	
	2	5	3	5	6	5	6	2	
	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	
	21	20	24	31	31	28	28	27	
	21	21	23	17	24	24	17	21	
	52	54	50	46	40	44	52	49	
	6	5	3	6	5	4	3	3	
	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	
	29	44	21	23	20	23	33	39	
	16	16	27	24	29	27	21	15	
	52	36	50	51	48	47	44	43	
	3	4	2	2	3	3	2	3	

<sup>1</sup>Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

31. I'd like to list some economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

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	<u>12/08</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>7/02</u>
Unemployment.....	36	7	5	16	24	23	41	48	41	25
The federal budget deficit <sup>2</sup> .....	12	15	11	18	20	19	16	13	14	11
The cost of health care.....	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
The drop in the stock market.....	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	28
Housing prices.....	8	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gas prices and energy costs <sup>1</sup> .....	5	26	40	30	17	NA	NA	NA	NA	6 [253-254]
Pension security.....	4	5	6	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Federal taxes.....	3	6	5	6	7	6	9	6	7	8
The gap between rich and poor...	NA	24	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Inflation.....	NA	NA	5	6	7	6	5	4	5	6
All equally important (VOL).....	11	11	9	8	11	10	13	14	15	11
None (VOL).....	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1
	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>
Gas prices <sup>1</sup> .....	38	8	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
The federal budget deficit <sup>2</sup> .....	9	11	18	30	24	33	31	25	26	26
Unemployment.....	13	35	10	35	35	33	37	40	43	40
The trade deficit <sup>3</sup> .....	NA	NA	7	8	9	9	9	7	6	8
Federal taxes.....	11	NA	11	11	12	10	8	11	12	11
Pension security.....	NA	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Inflation.....	10	14	8	6	8	6	5	6	5	8
All equally important (VOL).....	7	10	12	4	6	5	5	7	4	4
None (VOL).....	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Not sure.....	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>			
Gas prices <sup>1</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			
The federal budget deficit <sup>2</sup> .....	31	28	28	28	28	24	22			
Unemployment.....	37	40	44	44	44	46	46			
The trade deficit <sup>3</sup> .....	6	8	7	8	8	10	8			
Federal taxes.....	10	11	9	7	5	5	5			
Pension security.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			
Inflation.....	8	6	4	7	7	6	7			
All equally important (VOL).....	4	4	5	3	5	5	8			
None (VOL).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	3			

<sup>1</sup> Between July 2002 and January 2001, the item was phrased, "Energy prices." In September 2005, item was phrased "gas prices "

<sup>2</sup> Between January 2005 and March 2001, the item was phrased, "The federal budget." Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased, "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

<sup>3</sup> Prior to April 2001, the item was phrased, "The U.S. trade deficit."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

32. Thinking about the economic conditions that you and your family face, which one of the following elements has the greatest effect on you personally?

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	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	
Savings, such as the drop in the stock market or savings for retirement <sup>1</sup> .....	25	23	7	[255]
Inflation, such as the cost of groceries .....	21	15	21	
Health care, such as the cost of health insurance and prescriptions .....	16	13	18	
Employment, such as job security and wages .....	16	13	8	
Energy, such as the cost of gasoline and utilities .....	11	25	37	
Housing, such as home values and the mortgage market .....	9	9	6	
Not sure .....	2	2	3	

<sup>1</sup>Prior to December 2008, the item was phrased, "Savings, such as savings for retirement or college."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the federal government is doing in handling the current financial crisis?

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	
Approve.....	19	24	[256]
Disapprove.....	71	66	
Not sure.....	10	10	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

34. In October, the government announced a plan to take over bad mortgages and other troubled investments from financial firms. This plan was estimated to cost the government as much as seven hundred billion dollars and has been used to try to stabilize financial markets, make investments in financial institutions, and make credit available to business and consumers. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan? If you do not know enough about this to have an opinion, please just say so.

Approve.....	27	[257]
Disapprove.....	50	
No opinion.....	18	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**The government has announced a plan to take over bad mortgages and other troubled investments from financial firms. This plan could cost the government as much as seven hundred billion dollars but would try to stabilize financial markets, make credit available to business and consumers, and protect some homeowners.**

Approve.....	40	10/4- 5/08+
Disapprove.....	38	
No opinion.....	15	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

35. And do you approve or disapprove of how this plan has been handled since it passed in October? If you do not know enough about this to have an opinion, please just say so.

Approve.....	11	[258]
Disapprove.....	64	
No opinion.....	22	
Depends (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

- 36a. As you may know, deflation is the opposite of inflation—it means prices continuously go down. Deflation can be a problem because companies find it hard to make money on the goods they sell, leading them to lay off workers and reduce wages. How concerned are you that our economy may experience deflation in the next year--very concerned, fairly concerned, not that concerned, or not concerned at all? \*

Very concerned.....	47	<b>[259]</b>
Fairly concerned.....	29	
Not that concerned.....	14	
Not concerned at all.....	9	
Not sure.....	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 36b. As you may know, inflation refers to when prices for goods and services increase. Inflation can be a problem because it means that goods that people buy regularly—such as groceries, clothing, or gasoline--cost more. How concerned are you that our economy may experience inflation in the next year--very concerned, fairly concerned, not that concerned, or not concerned at all? \*\*

Very concerned.....	56	<b>[260]</b>
Fairly concerned.....	26	
Not that concerned.....	8	
Not concerned at all.....	9	
Not sure.....	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

37. When it comes to the economy, do you think that the federal government is focused more on helping large businesses, is focused more on helping average Americans, or is focused more on helping the economy as a whole? \*

Focused more on helping large businesses.....	61	<b>[261]</b>
Focused more on helping average Americans.....	5	
Focused more on helping the economy as a whole.....	30	
Not sure.....	4	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

38. Now I'm going to read you the names of several companies, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. \*\*

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
General Motors, or GM.....	6	19	23	26	23	3	[262]
Citibank.....	3	13	28	27	21	8	[263]
Ford.....	7	25	25	22	18	3	[264]
American Insurance Group, or AIG.....	2	6	20	23	39	10	[265]
Microsoft.....	21	36	26	7	3	7	[266]
Fannie Mae.....	2	9	17	25	38	9	[267]
Chrysler .....	5	16	31	24	20	4	[268]
Bank of America.....	11	18	28	18	18	7	[269]

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

39. How would you rate your feelings toward labor unions—very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>12/08*</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	
Very positive.....	11	12	13	[270]
Somewhat positive.....	23	23	25	
Neutral.....	25	27	24	
Somewhat negative.....	17	19	18	
Very negative.....	20	13	14	
Don't know name/not sure.....	4	6	6	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

40. As you may know, the U.S. government is facing a large budget deficit. Would you prefer that government

- A)** Reduce the deficit by increasing taxes, although this could slow the economic recovery,
- B)** Reduce the deficit by cutting spending, although this could affect important education and health care programs,
- C)** Let the deficit increase now to try to boost the economy, although this could lead to even higher taxes or larger spending cuts later. \*\*

Reduce the deficit by increasing taxes.....	18	<b>[271]</b>
Reduce the deficit by cutting spending.....	41	
Let deficit increase now.....	29	
Not sure.....	12	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

41. The federal government has either already committed to, or is considering, financial aid or loans to several industries that are in financial trouble. Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the government providing aid and loans to the following types of companies.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY APPROVE*

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Small businesses.....	82	15	3
Commercial banks.....	38	56	6
Mortgage lenders.....	35	58	7
Insurance companies.....	26	68	6
Investment firms.....	20	73	7

42. The American automobile manufacturers—General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler—have asked Congress for financial aid and loans to keep the companies from failing and declaring bankruptcy. In exchange, the companies say they will change how they do business by cutting costs and focusing on producing fuel-efficient vehicles.

Would you approve or disapprove of the federal government providing financial aid and loans to the U.S. automakers? If you do not know enough about this to have an opinion, please just say so.

Approve.....	46	<b>[277]</b>
Disapprove.....	42	
No opinion.....	6	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	1	

43. Which ONE of the following types of companies would have the most negative effect on the United States economy if it were to fail? \*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Commercial banks.....	37	<b>[278]</b>
Automobile manufacturers.....	24	
Mortgage lenders.....	13	
Investment firms.....	9	
Insurance companies.....	7	
Not sure.....	10	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

44. Which of the following concerns you more?

That the federal government will spend too MUCH money to try to boost the economy and as a result will drive up the budget deficit, OR

That the federal government will spend too LITTLE money to try to boost the economy and as a result the recession will be longer? \*\*

That the federal government will spend too MUCH money.....	56	<b>[279]</b>
That the federal government will spend too LITTLE money....	36	
Not sure.....	8	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

45a/b. Do you have money invested in the stock market and mutual funds, including IRAs and 401-Ks? (IF "YES," ASK:) Which of the following would you say is the value of these investments? Please just stop me when I get to the correct category. (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, please just give me your best guess.

Less than \$10,000.....	10	[308]
At least \$10,000 but less than \$50,000.....	17	
At least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000.....	11	
At least \$100,000 but less than \$200,000.....	7	
At least \$200,000 but less than \$300,000.....	3	
At least \$300,000 but less than \$500,000.....	2	
At least \$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000....	2	
\$1,000,000 or more.....	2	
No, no money invested in the stock market....	36	
Not sure/refused.....	10	

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES" IN Q.45a.)**

45c. Thinking about your investing in the future, do you want to get out of the stock market all together, decrease your holdings in the stock market, keep your holdings about the same, or increase your holdings?

Get out of the market all together.....	12	[309]
Decrease holdings.....	8	
Keep holdings about the same.....	51	
Increase holdings.....	26	
Not sure.....	3	

46. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	22	
White-collar worker.....	19	<b>CONTINUE</b>
Blue-collar worker.....	17	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	7	<b>Skip to Factuals</b>
Retired.....	24	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	6	
Other.....	-	<b>CONTINUE</b>
Not sure.....	2	<b>Skip to Factuals</b>

**(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE EMPLOYED IN Q.46.)**

47a. Has your place of employment done any of the following?

Reduced year-end bonuses or Christmas gifts for employees.....	20	[318]
Cut down on holiday celebrations or parties.....	9	
Donated money to charity in place of giving employees or clients gifts.....	7	
None.....	55	
Other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	6	

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE EMPLOYED IN Q.46.)**

47b. Would you be willing to take a five percent pay cut if it meant saving jobs at your place of work?

Yes, would be willing.....	64	[319]
No, would not be willing.....	28	
Not sure.....	8	

**FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.**

F1a/b. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

<b>Yes, Voted</b>			
Voted for Barack Obama.....	49	<b>CONTINUE</b>	[320-321]
Voted for John McCain.....	32		
Voted for someone else.....	2	<b>Skip to Q.F2</b>	
Not sure/refused.....	3		
<b>No, Did Not Vote</b> .....	13		
Not sure.....	1		

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY BARACK OBAMA IN Q.F1a/b.)**

F1c. Would you say that your vote was more FOR Barack Obama or more AGAINST John McCain?

More for Barack Obama.....	83	[322]
More against John McCain.....	10	
Some of both (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	1	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	-	[323-324]
Some high school.....	4	
High school graduate.....	26	
Some college, no degree.....	17	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	11	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

- F3. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (**IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:**) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (**IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:**) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	23	[325]
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	12	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	7	
Strong Republican.....	13	
Other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	2	

- F4. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (**IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:**) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal.....	9	[326]
Somewhat liberal.....	15	
Moderate.....	34	
Somewhat conservative.....	20	
Very conservative.....	17	
Not sure.....	5	

- F5a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) .....	54	CONTINUE	[327]
Catholic .....	22		
Jewish .....	2	Skip to Q.F6	
Muslim .....	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints .....	1		
Other.....	5		
None.....	12	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused .....	4		

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F5a.)**

- F5b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way? +

Fundamentalist/evangelical .....	20	[328]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical .....	46	
Not sure .....	8	
Catholics/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F5a).....	25	

F6. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

Never.....	18	<b>[329]</b>
Once a year.....	5	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	8	
About twice a month.....	9	
Once a week or more often.....	39	
Not sure.....	4	

F7a. Are you a current or retired labor union member?

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "NO" OR "NOT SURE" IN Q.F7a.)**

F7b. Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member.....	16	<b>[330-331]</b>
Union household.....	7	
Non-union household.....	75	
Not sure.....	2	

F8. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	<b>[332]</b>
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	6	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	7	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	9	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
More than \$100,000.....	17	
Not sure/refused.....	17	